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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Application No. 10/825,841

**IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Inventors:</b>	<b>Arjang Fartash</b>	<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>Michael Lavilla</b>
<b>Application No:</b>	<b>10/825,841</b>	<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	<b>1775</b>
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<b>Title: METHOD OF MAKING A TANTALUM LAYER AND APPARATUS USING A TANTALUM LAYER</b>			

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed July 26, 2006 please reconsider the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 as follows:

**Introductory comments** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Introductory Comments**

Claims 1-53 are pending in the application. Examiner has allowed claim 49.  
Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-10, 12, 15-17, 19, 27-29, 31-32 34, 37, 44, and 50.  
Examiner has objected to claims 2, 11, 13-14, 18, 20-26, 30, 33, 35-36, 38-43, 45-48,  
and 51-53.

Applicant adds new claims 57-60.